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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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| Identification of IPEA | Date of receipt of DEMAND |
| Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION | |
| International application No. PCT/EP2004/008397 | International filing date (day/month/year) 27.07.2004 |
| (Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 28.07.2003 | |
| Title of invention Electrode for electrochemical processes and method for producing the same | |
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The following person is agent common representative

and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.

is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.

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Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**Statement concerning amendments:***

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

the international application as originally filed
 the description as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed
 as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
 as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.
 3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69.1(d).
 4. The applicant expressly wishes the international preliminary examination to start earlier than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a).

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English.....

which is the language in which the international application was filed.
 which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
 which is the language of publication of the international application.
 which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The filing of this demand constitutes the election of all Contracting States which are designated and are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

1. translation of international application : sheets
2. amendments under Article 34 : sheets
3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 : sheets
4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 : sheets
5. letter (*request for ext. of term*) : sheets
6. other (*specify*) : sheets

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1. fee calculation sheet
2. original separate power of attorney
3. original general power of attorney
4. copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
5. statement explaining lack of signature
6. sequence listing in computer readable form
7. other (*specify*):

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

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Munich, May 27, 2005

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5. Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) M/45198-PCT

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

Electrode for electrochemical processes and method for producing the same

Box No. II APPLICANT

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

| Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year) | Number of earlier application | Where earlier application is: | | |
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| | | national application: country or Member of WTO | regional application:* | international application: receiving Office |
| item (1) 28 July 2003 (28.07.2003) | MI2003A001543 | Italy | | |
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| item (3) | | | | |

- Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

- all items
- item (1)
- item (2)
- item (3)
- other, see Supplemental Box

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Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA /

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

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München, July 27, 2004 Dr. J. Uwe Müller

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